

Proviso.

sons, to be Surveyor or Surveyors of Highways and Bridges, two or more Overseers of Highways, one or more fit and proper persons to be Overseers of the Poor, two or more Fence-viewers and Inspectors of Drains and one or more Pound-keeper or Pound-keepers, within the said local divisions respectively. Provided always, that it shall be lawful to elect the same person or persons to fill one or more of the said offices of Overseer of the Poor, Overseer of Highways, and of Fence-viewer and Inspector of Drains, at the same time, as to the majority of the said householders, assembled and qualified as aforesaid, shall seem expedient.

Officers elect-  
ed to take an  
oath of office.

The oath.

XI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace, or other person presiding at any such meeting of the Inhabitant householders, at which the officers aforesaid shall have been elected, and such Justice or other person is hereby authorized and required to administer an Oath of Office, to each of the persons so elected as aforesaid, to the effect following, to wit :  
“ You, A. B., do promise and swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and justly  
“ serve and perform the office and duties of ———, for ———, according to  
“ the best of your ability—So help you God.” And every person who shall be elected to one of the offices aforesaid, shall, after having taken the said Oath, be held to be legally appointed to such office, and subject to the duties thereof.

Penalty on  
persons elect-  
ed to office not  
accepting, and  
taking the oath

How to be re-  
covered and  
applied.

XII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that every person who shall be elected to any of the Offices aforesaid, shall, within five days after notice of his election, accept such office and take the oath aforesaid, before the Justice of the Peace, or other person who shall have presided at the meeting, or before the Clerk of the Parish or Township, or reputed Parish or Township, or Union of Parishes or Townships, or of reputed Parishes or Townships as aforesaid, in which such election shall have been had, each and every of whom are hereby authorized to administer the same, and in default thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of two pounds, current money of this Province, to be levied by distress and sale of his goods and chattels, in virtue of a warrant under the hand and seal of any Justice of the Peace for the District within which such election shall have taken place; which warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, upon complaint or information before him, and after conviction of the person so making default, by confession, or on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, other than the informer; and the said sum so forfeited shall be paid, one half to the informer, and the other half into the hands of the  
Treasurer,